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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	) IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
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COUNTY OF BERKELEY	) CASE NO.
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ROBIN HERRON,	)
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Plaintiff,	)
vs.	) SUMMONS
	) (Jury-Premises Liability -Negligence)
SUNOCO, INC. & MDC COAST II LLC,	
Defendants.	)

## TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Complaint on the subscriber at her office, 180 Meeting Street, Suite 305, Charleston, SC 29401, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint, and judgment by default will be rendered against you.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	) IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
COUNTY OF BERKELEY	) CASE NO.:
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ROBIN HERRON,	
Plaintiff,	)
v.	) COMPLAINT
SUNOCO, INC. & MDC COAST II LLC,	) (Jury-Premises Liability-Negligence)
Defendants.	)

THE PLAINTIFF ABOVE NAMED, complaining of the Defendants alleges:

- 1. Plaintiff is a resident and citizen of the State of South Carolina.
- 2. Defendants Sunoco, Inc. and MDC COAST II LLC are each business entities and/or business organizations which operates a gas station and store and/or own property located at 429 St. James Avenue, Goose Creek, SC 29455.
- 3. A substantial part of the alleged acts or omissions giving rise to this cause of action occurred in Berkeley County, South Carolina
- 4. That on December 30, 2017, Plaintiff was lawfully on the premises and property of Defendants set forth above using the premises in the process of purchasing gasoline on Defendants' property at Defendants' business; at such time, while walking towards the gasoline pump outside of the store, by and through the negligence, carelessness, recklessness, willfulness and wantonness of the Defendants, jointly, severally, and/or in the alternative, the Plaintiff was caused to slip and fall; in a slippery substance on the ground, resulting in severe and permanent injuries as hereinafter set forth.
- 5. The negligence, carelessness, recklessness, willfulness, and wantonness of the Defendants, jointly, severally, and/or in the alternative, proximately caused the aforementioned

occurrence and the injuries and damages hereinafter set forth and consisted, among other things, of the following:

- a. In allowing the area where Plaintiff was located to be covered with a slippery substance on the ground without adequate warning and/or protective barrier and or protective means to protect from slipping and falling when the Defendants knew, or should have known, that this area was a common area and that a highly dangerous condition was created and existing for those in proximity of said area;
- b. In allowing the ground to be covered with a slippery substance, without adequate warnings and/or without a protective barrier or other protective means to protect from slipping and falling, thereby creating a hidden danger to the Plaintiff, when the Defendants knew or should have known of the dangerous condition then and there existing;
- c. In failing to provide adequate warning and instructions as to the hazardous condition of the ground/common area;
- d. In failing to warn or adequately warn the Plaintiff of the hidden danger then and there existing;
- e. In creating an unreasonably dangerous and hazardous condition by owning property and/or placing the substance on the ground for the purpose of absorbing gasoline without providing any warning of the dangerous condition;
- f. In failing to properly inspect the premises when Defendants knew, or should have known, that the public area at which Plaintiff slipped and fell was in close proximity thereby creating a dangerous and hazardous condition;
- g. In allowing the ground to remain in an inherently dangerous condition resulting from Defendants creating said condition, and Defendants' failure to inspect, maintain and/or take any action to insure the ground was guarded or otherwise protected, when Defendants knew or should have known of the inherently dangerous condition caused thereby; and
- h. In failing to exercise that degree of care which a reasonably prudent person would have exercised under the same or similar circumstances and or reasonable precautions to prevent the condition and occurrence and resulting injuries and damages to the Plaintiff.

- 6. That the negligence, carelessness, recklessness, willfulness and wantonness of the Defendants, jointly, severally, and/or in the alternative, caused the aforementioned occurrence and the resulting injuries and damages to the Plaintiff.
- 7. That by reason of and in consequence of the foregoing and as a direct and proximate result of the negligence carelessness, recklessness, willfulness and wantonness of the Defendants, jointly, severally, and/or in the alternative, Plaintiff' was caused to slip and fall on the slippery ground, as a result of which she sustained severe, permanent and disabling injuries in and about her entire body and damages, including but not limited to her back, neck, shoulder, arm, and other parts of her body, causing severe pain and suffering, mental anguish, emotional distress, disfigurement and other debilitating injuries and damages resulting in medical care, surgery, and treatment from physicians and other medical personnel, hospitals and other medical facilities; she will require further medical care and treatment in the future for which Plaintiff has been and will be required to expend monies and she is informed and believes that her injuries are of a permanent nature by reason of which she has and will always have permanent limitations and disability and will be incapacitated and prevented from attending to her regular affairs and duties; she lost wages and gains she otherwise would have made and her earning capacity has been diminished; she has suffered and will in the future suffer pain, mental anguish, depression and she is unable to engage in recreational activities that she previously enjoyed and she has been deprived of the enjoyments of persons in like circumstances and she has been otherwise damaged.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against the Defendants, jointly severally, and/or in the alternative in such amount as will fully, fairly, and justly compensate her for actual damages, and for such punitive damages as the jury may find, together with the cost of this action.

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